

CONVENTION AT CRAWFORD

Report of Thirty-Fourth Annual Convention, Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association, for use of Delegates in Reporting to Home Departments

The following report of the 34th annual convention of the N. S. V. F. A., held at Crawford, Nebraska, January 18, 19 and 20, and the entertainment at Alliance on January 21, is given for the use of delegates who attended the convention in making reports to their home departments. A portion of the report is taken from The Alliance Herald of January 20. Photos of the officers of the association and the panoramic view of the delegates will be published in a later issue.

Tuesday, January 18

More than four hundred delegates were registered before midnight Tuesday night at the thirty-fourth annual convention of the N. S. V. F. Association. Every section of the state is represented and the convention promises to be the best held in a long time. The Crawford boys are all out in full force, and things are running very smoothly. W. C. Rundin, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, is being assisted by W. D. Fisher of Alliance. There are two Fishers here now—W. D. Fisher, secretary of the Alliance Commercial Club, and W. D. Fisher of York, the well known Pyrene man who has been a member of the state association for twenty-five years.

Frederick Ord, North Platte and Sidney are here in private Pullman cars, while the hotels are full, although Crawford has provided ample accommodations for all who come and will care for the many delegates who are arriving this morning. The attendance will reach at least five hundred delegates.

The session was opened by H. A. Graff, president, at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening. C. J. Hornsby, president of the Crawford department, officiated. Music was furnished by a twenty-piece orchestra and the famous Crawford male quartet which entertained with impromptu songs that kept the house in a roar of applause and kept them busy with encores. Enthusiasm is strong. The speech of welcome from Mayor A. L. Hungerford was well taken and he was cheered. Invocation was made by Rev. Father Moser of Crawford. The response to the invitation of welcome was made by H. A. Graff of Seward, the president. W. C. Rundin made an address of welcome in behalf of the business men and was roundly cheered for several minutes. He said that Crawford, with the worthy assistance of its "suburb" Alliance, would give them the time of their lives.

The mention of the name of W. S. Ridgell, state fire commissioner, who was on the stage, brought forth much applause. Ridgell is candidate for the office of member of the state railway commission and received much encouragement from the delegates who are well pleased with his efficient work as fire commissioner.

The committee appointed on credentials consisted of John McKay of Blair, A. J. Shirley of Ord and State Secretary E. A. Miller of Kearney.

The question of continuation of the mutual aid insurance department was brought up and a meeting of this department will be held at 11 o'clock this morning. Discussion brought out the fact that only one hundred and six joined the department and that fifteen have lapsed.

Following the business session the delegates were entertained with music, both vocal and by the orchestra, and by Teddy Brothers of Omaha, who kept things screaming. The climax came when a Crawford fireman was brought on the stage, strapped to the board wall, while Senator Squint outlined his figure with sharp butcher knives, and the fireman was carried from the stage nearly frightened to death.

Speech was made by John Cleland of Fremont, founder of the state association, and George Uie, the oldest Crawford fireman. A dance entertained the boys who wished to stay up late. The convention is orderly and the boys are enjoying themselves hugely.

Wednesday, January 19

Wednesday, the second day of the firemen's convention, dawned with clear and warm weather which was welcomed by the hundreds of delegates from eastern Nebraska who have been somewhat skeptical of western Nebraska sunshine but who are now fully convinced that we have the finest weather imaginable. Many delegates were out early and made trips to the nearby buttes which surround Crawford. Only a light snow covers the ground.

The morning business session opened at 9:30 o'clock. The report of the committee on credentials showed one new life member, making four life members now in the association. They are John C. Cleland of Fremont, John A. Wilson of Kearney, E. A. Miller of Kearney, and W. D. Fisher of York.

Telegrams were read from several prominent members who were unable to be present.

President H. A. Graff, in his annual report, brought up the proposition of the joint tournament of the Nebraska and Iowa associations, proposed for Omaha during the coming summer, on the invitation of the Omaha Driving Club, which made an offer of four thousand dollars for prizes. Inasmuch as the Iowa and Nebraska tournament rules conflict the president stated that the two states would have to agree to follow one or the other. The Iowa association differs from Nebraska in that Nebraska gives more attention to its conventions, while Iowa is strong on tourna-

ments. Arrangements will be made for a joint meeting in Omaha to decide on the proposition soon. The president also stated that the mutual aid insurance proposition should be pushed, urging that each department should act as a solicitor in order to get the larger portion of the ten thousand volunteer firemen in the state in as members of the insurance department.

The report of E. A. Miller, who has been state secretary for seventeen years, showed that the clerical work of the association is now getting very heavy and that if the insurance department continues to grow it will probably be necessary soon to employ a stenographer. Mr. Miller urged that the president be given more authority and that the time of the payment of annual dues be fixed at an earlier date than at present, which is January 15.

John W. Guthrie of Alliance, who has an unusually clear and strong voice, read the reports and some of the papers. A paper on efficiency by F. B. Tobin of Sidney and another on the same subject by E. J. Brennan of the same department brought much applause and favorable comment. They urged greater co-operation with city officials and gave their definition of efficiency as nothing but zeal, courage and plenty of common sense in fire fighting.

The question of holding an annual memorial service was referred to the committee on constitution and rules. A meeting of the mutual aid department was held at 11 o'clock. The report of the secretary showed one death during the year, that of Asa L. Thompson of Albion. The constitution of the mutual aid department was changed to allow only active volunteer firemen and members of the state association to join, thereby eliminating the admission of aged volunteer firemen who hold exemption certificates.

At 1 o'clock the delegates were taken to Fort Robinson, where a reception was held by Colonel H. G. Sichel, commanding, music being furnished by the famous military band which is to tour the state of Nebraska during the coming summer. A unique feature of the entertainment was a coyote chase on the reservation, two large, wild coyotes being released ahead of a pack of wolf hounds, which soon ran them down. At the afternoon business session a telegram expressing sympathy was sent to Fred Alexander, former treasurer, who is ill at his home in Scottsbluff.

Spirited discussion was indulged in by delegates over the proposition of allowing proxies for chiefs to become permanent members. The constitution does not allow this.

Resolutions of condolence were passed and ordered sent to the families of William M. Gates of Sidney and A. L. Spencer of Albion, who died during the year.

The report of the committee on chiefs' reports showed that reports had been received from fifty-two towns, although one hundred and twenty-five are represented in the association.

Charley Randall of Newman Grove, former state fire commissioner, made a short speech on the good work done by the volunteer firemen in recent years. He told of the good work being done by Fire Chief Dickie of Howells, who has been teaching the lads of ten to twelve years the art of fire fighting.

W. S. Ridgell, state fire commissioner, in an extended address, told of the work being done by his department. He stated that there are now in the state over seven hundred special deputies commissioned to enforce the fire commission law. Ridgell recommended that the smaller towns which do not have paid firemen employ two men for two or three days each spring to inspect the town. He recommended that the mayors of Nebraska cities set aside a day at least twice each year to be known as "clean-up" day, when all citizens would be requested to make their premises as nearly free as possible from fire danger. He urged the observance of the first Friday of November of each year, created by the 1911 legislature as fire day. He urged that every commercial club in the state have a fire prevention committee and that fire drills be held on Fire Day in every public school. He stated that the fire loss in Nebraska in 1910 was \$2,181,000, and in 1915 it was \$1,798,000, in round figures. This covers a loss on farm property in 1915 of over \$31,000.

Following Ridgell, P. E. Romig, mayor of Alliance, and E. G. Laing of the Alliance fire department, told of the work there and of the plunge which was built by the fire department from funds raised among the members, on ground donated by the city.

C. J. and S. C. Anderson of Omaha on the ground with a big display of fire department equipment and an electric siren whistle which keeps the town awake during the day time and makes nearly as much noise as the two brothers put together. C. J. sold the fire truck to Alliance, and they are both popular throughout the state.

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Wednesday evening there was a ten-round boxing match between Al Greenwood, the English middleweight champion, and Tommy Smith of Omaha. A detailed report of this match is given elsewhere in The Herald. The first preliminary was a wrestling match between Jess Sherrill of Crawford and Bennis Humphrey of Hemingford. Sherrill being given two straight falls in four and one-half and seven and one-half minutes. This was followed by a boxing match between "Bud" Lindeman and Russell Hodge, both of Crawford, they going three rounds to a draw. They were followed by a three-round boxing match between Ralph Pitt of Crawford and Roy Young of Alliance.

Thursday, January 20

The morning session opened at 9:30 o'clock. A telegram was read from Fred Alexander, of Scottsbluff, former treasurer, expressing his regret that he could not be present. The report of the treasurer showed a balance on hand of \$1740.20. The report of the auditing committee showed the books of the officers in good shape.

The report of the secretary showed a membership of 511 in the state association. During the past year there were eight new departments admitted and three re-instated. Eight new companies were admitted and there were two re-instatements. Twenty departments and nineteen companies were suspended.

The report of the legislative committee showed that five measures were passed by the last legislature which were of importance to volunteer firemen. Two of these originated in the house and three in the senate. Measures of special importance were those relating to the benefits paid firemen by cities of the state in case of accidents suffered by firemen in performance of their duties. Cities must now pay damages of not less than \$7 and not more than \$15 per week, not to exceed \$500. Villages must pay not less than \$5 and not more than \$10 per week, not to exceed \$500. The report of this committee was very comprehensive, and showed that "Brothers Hague of Minden, Cleland of Fremont and Wilson of Kearney were on the job all the time.

The question of a standard form of exemption certificates was brought up. It was suggested that the secretary have a stock of forms on hand for this purpose. Brother Boyes of Hebron stated that their department had secured certificates of both membership and exemption from The Alliance Herald which were very satisfactory to them. Lloyd Thomas suggested that inasmuch as several members of the state association were interested in or working for companies which made suitable certificates that the secretary have a list of them and refer inquiries to this list and that the standard form adopted by the 1915 convention be used.

Brother Hague of the legislative committee called attention to the new law which allows cities to make a levy of one and one-half mills for the purpose of purchasing fire department equipment. Brothers Ridgell, Guthrie and others said that the association should give fitting recognition to the good work done by the legislative committee, and a vote of thanks was carried.

John W. Guthrie of Alliance extended an invitation to the delegates to visit Alliance Friday for the entertainment there. On motion of Harry Hauser the invitation was accepted.

At noon a group panoramic picture was taken by a Crawford photographer. This picture will be published in The Herald in a later issue.

At the afternoon session Brother Cleland of Fremont, in a nice little speech, presented a box of five fine Havana cigars to the president and four other officers. They were requested to smoke them at once so the fine aroma "could be appreciated by the delegates." About five minutes later, during a lull in the proceedings, President Graff was nearly thrown from his chair, mostly by surprise, when a small "bomb" which had been concealed in the cigar exploded. "I am glad that you boys can have the fun," said President Graff during the laughter which followed.

The report of the committee on constitution and rules recommended that the constitution be changed as follows: In section 1 of article 3, that the reading be changed to give the president power to approve or reject all bills between annual meetings. In section 3 of article 3, that the salary of the secretary be changed from \$50 to \$300 per year. In article 3 of the constitution and by-laws of the Mutual Aid department, that the word "active" be inserted, allowing only active members of volunteer fire departments to become members. These recommendations were all approved and carried.

The Mutual Aid insurance department was taken up and while John W. Guthrie made an explanatory talk on the proposition, blanks were passed around. When these application blanks were collected and turned in it was found that there were nearly fifty new members. It was urged by several speakers that the members of the state association get all the applications possible from their departments and that the membership of the mutual aid department be pushed to the 1,000 mark during the

year if possible. The chief of one department secured sixteen applications from his department during the year.

A motion was unanimously carried appointing Lloyd Thomas of Alliance as state publicity chairman for 1916. The Alliance Herald the official organ of the association for the year and ordering that The Herald be sent to each department belonging to the association for one year.

The following officers were elected: J. P. Hoffman of Ord, president; Harry J. Hauser of Fremont, first vice president; John W. Guthrie of Alliance, second vice president; E. A. Miller of Kearney, re-elected secretary; H. A. Webbert of Kearney, re-elected treasurer.

On ballot the board of control was elected as follows: Jacob Goehring of Seward, chairman; William E. Mote of Chadron, F. B. Tobin of Sidney, O. A. Rhoades of Scottsbluff, Bert J. Galley of Columbus.

The new president made his appointments of committees, which is given elsewhere in The Herald this week.

Auburn extended an invitation to hold the 1917 convention there and backed up the invitation with telegrams, letters, etc. It was selected unanimously.

Mayor Hungerford, City Clerk Hornsby, Rev. Fr. Hoser and Rev. Rundin, of Crawford, were made honorary members of the association.

Plates for four hundred were laid at the banquet held at the Co-operative hall Thursday evening. Caterer H. F. Sherrill, of the Cafe Royal, served the banquet. The service could not have been improved upon and many remarked favorably on the excellent way in which it was handled. Rev. Walter C. Rundin, "the volunteer fireman's preacher," was toastmaster, and carried off the honors by his ready wit and the manner in which he handled a difficult position. The speakers were: Hon. J. E. Porter, Crawford; Retiring President H. A. Graff, Seward; J. G. Cleland, Fremont, founder of the association; Lloyd C. Thomas, state publicity chairman; Sen. H. H. Musser of Fort Robinson; President J. P. Hoffman of Ord; State Fire Commissioner W. S. Ridgell of Lincoln; Hon. John Wilson of Kearney; Hon. H. W. Hague of Minden; Second Vice President J. W. Guthrie of Alliance, and Charles Randall, former state fire commissioner.

A grand ball at the opera house followed the banquet.

Friday, January 21

Friday morning the special cars were attached to train No. 44 and the firemen journeyed through beautiful Pine Ridge and the plains country to Alliance.

On arriving at Alliance they were met by a large number of autos. The Ord band led a parade up the main street and back to the fire department club rooms in the city hall, where all registered. In the afternoon a sightseeing trip, under the direction of Secretary Fisher of the Commercial Club, was made to the Newberry building, the court house and other places of interest. This was followed by a special entertainment at the Imperial theatre, at which were shown western Nebraska pictures and special vaudeville. At 6:30 o'clock the most unique night parade ever witnessed in Alliance was made from the depot to the opera house. The parade was led by the Ord band, followed by the Fremont delegation, who illuminated the sky with Roman candles, pin wheels and other fireworks, leaving a train of red fire behind them. A fire alarm was turned in at this time and the Anderson auto chemical truck made a fast run up main street and back for the benefit of the visitors.

Members of the Alliance department gave an athletic exhibition for an hour at the opera house, consisting of two boxing matches and a wrestling match. The crowd then adjourned to the hall over the E. G. Laing clothing store where a "Dutch lunch" was served. Lloyd Thomas, the toastmaster, called on several local men and visitors, who made short talks for an hour, following which the crowd again adjourned to the opera house for a dance which lasted until after midnight and which all seemed to thoroughly enjoy. Most of the firemen returned to their homes on the midnight train.

Other features of the convention, including some of the interesting papers which were read at the convention, will be printed in The Herald during coming issues.

THE BOXING MATCH

Ten-round Go between Greenwood and Smith Was Feature

(Contributed)

The ten-round boxing contest between Tommy Smith of Omaha and Al Greenwood, claimant of the English middleweight championship, was held in Crawford January 19, 1916, as one of the special features for the entertainment of the state firemen. The bout was a good one from beginning to end. The first round was fairly even, but after that for every round Smith was carrying the fight to Greenwood, while the latter had to frequently go to cover to save himself. Smith was clearly entitled to nine rounds, on aggressiveness and cleverness. Greenwood made a good rally in the tenth round but was met and out-fought at every angle.

Greenwood is a very clever fellow and game, and put up a good fight. While a loser he was a good one, and had the admiration of the crowd, even while taking his punishment.

The management of this bout had tried in vain to get Jack Sullivan an opponent for Smith, but Sullivan wanted none of the going. One of Smith's desires is to induce Sullivan to the ring with him. He has tried repeatedly in the last six months to match a bout with him, but to all efforts Sullivan turns a deaf ear.

Smith is open to meet all comers and anxious to negotiate for a bout at any time.

REGISTERED DELEGATES

The list of delegates who registered at the local headquarters at Crawford is as follows: ALBION: J. W. Parker, L. E. Whiting, E. E. Watson.

Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association

President, J. P. Hoffman, Ord.
First Vice President, Harry Hauser, Fremont.
Second Vice President, John W. Guthrie, Alliance.
Secretary, E. A. Miller, Kearney.
Treasurer, H. A. Webbert, Kearney.

Board of Control: Jacob Goehring, Seward, chairman; William E. Mote, Chadron; F. B. Tobin, Sidney; O. A. Rhoades, Scottsbluff; Bert J. Galley, Columbus.

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Edited by Lloyd C. Thomas, state publicity chairman.

ALLIANCE: Carl H. Rockey, Tobe Gastineau, W. S. Ridgell, J. W. Guthrie, Charles L. Hill, T. P. Rolfsen, C. W. Spacht, Lloyd Thomas, Penrose E. Romig, E. G. Laing, F. L. Merritt, L. M. Nicolai, George J. Hand, V. E. Byrne, R. E. Spencer.

AUBURN: C. C. Good, chief; C. H. Masters, secretary.

BANCROFT: Fred W. Vogt, A. F. Zell.

BATTLE CREEK: Geo. Kinkle, chief; W. H. Seiford.

BELEGRADE: D. M. Dodge.

BETHANY: R. C. Albertson.

BLOOMFIELD: E. H. Berryman, chief; G. O. Dockin.

BRADSHAW: Harry E. Palmer.

BROKEN BOW: F. A. Reeder, J. F. Wilson, C. H. England, J. G. Leonard, R. J. Morton.

BURWELL: Geo. Hise, chief; M. F. Harris.

CEDAR BLUFFS: Aug. Ostrand, chief; A. F. Smith, O. M. Fenster-mack.

CENTRAL CITY: Ben H. Breckon, H. E. Hammer.

CHADRON: J. F. Lichty, Chas. Johnson, E. C. Byuly, M. F. Wheeler, Paul Hyde, O. A. Lexington, L. Brog-hamer, W. E. Mote, W. W. Pascoe, Harry Adams, Wm. Hennessy.

CLAY CENTER: L. B. Sanderson.

COLUMBUS: Wm. F. Plageman, P. P. Pfeifer, Motts D. Mowry, Frank P. Dietz, F. W. Krueger.

CRAWFORD: Jno. Breuer, Lee Morris, Jno. Tobin, W. B. Morison, Jay Elliott, Oscar Bergman, A. W. Sprague, C. L. Lighthaff, Clyde Hornsby, Ray Moss, Bert Lawrence, J. A. Raney, C. J. Hornsby, L. M. Davis, Clyde Beckwith, Wm. Sherrill.

CRETE: H. E. Dillon, chief; F. Dredia, J. C. Tassar.

CREIGHTON: W. A. Hupmuth, Perry Hammarly.

DAVID CITY: J. C. Dinneen, Theo. J. Moran, Paul C. Milan, Fred Welte, M. D. Murphy.

DENVER, COLO.: Julius Pearce Fire Dept. Supply Co., by Jule Pearce Jr.

DESHLER: Harry Hrebe, Robert Geisler.

DODGE: Avery Baker.

ELGIN: Karl W. Hiller.

ELM CREEK: H. D. Upton, H. A. Yoder.

EXETER: R. C. Chloupek, chief; Corbett Tonsdale.

FREMONT: J. C. Cleland, past president; Harry J. Hauser, chief; Luke Mundy, John Martin, C. J. Reynolds, Alfred Janowski, Frank Evans, Ed Laillan, Wm. Martin, Fred Struve.

FRIEND: H. E. Brukley, C. A. Hoefer.

FULLERTON: W. E. Wolters, M. L. Cunningham, C. M. Shepard.

GOTHENBURG: C. R. Frasier, Emmett L. Pope, Arthur Fredling, Fred Alexander, Ernest J. G. Diers.

GRETNA: O. D. Mangold, chief.

HAMPTON: Adam Leyrer.

HAVELOCK: D. E. Jones, R. B. Elwood.

HAY SPRINGS: W. P. Hagedom, chief.

HEBRON: H. L. Beryes, Sam Fulton, E. E. Gregor.

HEMINGFORD: C. W. Graham, G. Graalik, W. L. Clark, Jerry T. Butler, Bert L. Simmons, William Kingsley, James Hicks, T. R. Eneyart, A. Frohn-appef, L. Romer, P. J. Michael.

HILDRETH: H. M. Ware, M. D. Fisher.

HOWELLS: Frank Dickey, chief; Frank A. Doebe.

HUMPHREY: Robert Lewis, chief, Frank Duesman, Herman Zuerlein, Carl O. Lewis, E. R. Lewis, C. J. Korthaus, E. Eckholt, Leo Lochint.

HYANNIS: A. P. Homan, C. J. Flaherty.

KEARNEL: Le Roy Alhards, Frank G. Tracy, I. E. A. Miller, F. M. Hollowell, E. F. Winn, Roy Tomkinson, C. E. Webbert, John Axelson.

KENESAW: D. P. Mikesell, F. A. Parker, W. C. Hines.

LEIGH: Fred Shoda, Julius Shoda, Frank L. Vlach.

LEXINGTON: Wm. Reynolds, Edward Tedbetler, Robt. Roudebaugh, C. H. Mallett.

LINCOLN: W. C. Jakeway.

MADISON: W. H. Pibney, Ed Leh-aman, Roy Wehrle, F. Dempotery, W. H. Ray.

MALMO: H. W. Olson, chief.

MERNA: W. V. Dennis, C. J. Hall, Day Critchfield.

MINDEN: Walter Hansen, Fred Dymnam, B. F. Wylie, Geo. Lotter, H. J. Grapenthin, Tege Larsen, H. H. Dittmer, C. D. Jensen, F. B. Isburn, L. W. Hague, C. J. Baumann, chief.

MITCHELL: C. W. Atteberry, R. M. Ireland, W. M. Golden, H. Ed-wards, W. D. Linden.

MORRILL: H. W. Barrett, chief.

NEBRASKA CITY: Wm. Fisher, Lee Fannel, Roy Fischer, Charles Johnson, H. H. Bartling, Geo. Bader.

NELIGH: Arthur Tibbet, Lyle E. Jackson.

NEWMAN GROVE: Carl W. Hoag, J. J. Jackson, A. R. Gustafson, L. M. Knudson.

NORFOLK: V. A. Nenow, Dan Keng, A. W. Tinkhouse, R. W. E. Boyd, H. A. Barns, August Kell, William Lau, John Boehnke, E. A. Auercle, M. R. Greene, Hans Vogt, A. L. Howser, Emil F. Hoefs, H. W. Winters, H. H. Grace, Louis Bovak, Matt Shaffer, Jr.

NORTH LOUP: I. J. Thelin.

NORTH PLATTE: J. R. Baskins, president; Adam Christ, Fred W.

Deck, Thos. E. Jeffers, Fred C. Peterson, Chas. Sandall, Cy Russell.

ORD: Chas. O. Daggett, S. J. Shirley, chief; Leslie R. Macon, John K. Jensen, Joe Seeshen, W. W. Bundy, Frank Sershen, John Mason, Chas. Hunt, Jacob L. Hoffman, L. R. Drake, O. B. Mutter, Henry Misko, W. R. Clark, O. P. Cromwell, H. E. Craw, Guy Burrows, Silas Hurlbut, Ed Baister, Archie Keep, Daniel H. Marbo, Andrew Nielsen, W. E. Lincoln, M. M. Severson, Seth Mason, Jr., Roy Collison, Alfred L. Hill, L. L. Hunter, Earl Castle, Lawrence Burge, Ed Zablanti, Glen D. Auble, Wm. W. Hill, H. J. Hoadley.

OMAHA: C. J. Andersen, S. C. Andersen, Anderson Company, fire equipment.

OSCEOLA: J. A. Albin, chief; C. F. DeLand.

OVERTON: Walter A. Trimble.

PLAINVIEW: Ernest E. Gast, chief.

RAVENNA: Andy Bauer, J. S. Geist, Jas. K. Pease, chief; L. J. Hochraiter, A. Anten Mrky, Charles Zumpfer, Wm. Kaul, J. C. Birt.

RUSHVILLE: W. G. Moss, Jay Hughes, C. A. Heurt, chief.

SCOTTSBLUFF: Frank Ervin, W. Rhoads, M. C. Jones, Dan C. Coyers, Geo. Enright, W. H. Goforth, W. Scott by F. H. Koenig.

SCHUYLER: C. R. Davis, M. Dev-al, Geo. McKinney, Burt Smith, Jas. Kubie, Joseph Seyeryn, Jr., C. C. Waits.

SEWARD: Jacob Goehring, chief; L. P. Paige, W. J. Ashton, Henry Heamann, J. F. Geiser, H. A. Graff.

SHELTON: R. G. Tritt, M. Stat-tery, Joseph Owed, Jr.

SIDNEY: H. H. Bockstoder, John Tishane, E. J. Brennan, F. B. Tobin, chief; J. J. Parks.

SPALDING: John J. Berbuick, H. H. Crosby.

ST. EDWARD: Edward Kerk-strom, by H. S. Kennedy.

ST. PAUL: J. W. Ceruch, W. L. Kimber, E. C. Lulek, Fred Komak.

STANTON: Harvey L. Nye, Foster S. Gamble, chief.

SUPERIOR: Geo. F. Johnson, Les-ia Beck, Tine Sowles.

TILDEN: Roy J. Breker.

UNIVERSITY PLACE: A. L. Ya-ho, T. E. Evans, H. J. Edson, G. M. Ball, Cecil C. Gates.

VALENTINE: G. C. Tobin.

VERDIGRE: O. E. Brun, by W. A. Bruce.

WAHOO: J. M. Campbell, R. A. Killian, E. G. Kudma, Geo. Thurg.

WEST POINT: G. L. Nieburg, Fred Rudkan.

WESTON: Ed Spicka, secretary.

WILBER: E. E. Dunder, A. F. Za-juck, E. J. Fredrich.

WISNER: E. Jaeke, secretary; W. E. Kelso, Jno. Fleming, A. L. Meis-her, chief; Max Tiedke.

YORK: Fred H. Vincent, Harry Yost, M. N. Hammers, W. D. Fisher, Lusk, Wyo.; Norris E. Hartwell, J. A. Beatty.

NOTICE

The Fremont Fire Department extends thanks to the Alliance fire department for the kind reception given to the delegates from Fremont. HARRY J. HAUSER, Chief.

THANKS FROM ORD

Chief Shirley of Ord Sends Telegram Thanking Alliance Boys for Reception Accorded Here

Just before this page went to press Tuesday afternoon the following telegram was received from the Ord Fire Department, by A. J. Shirley, chief: "Please extend to all the boys our hearty thanks for the reception accorded us while there."

In behalf of the Alliance fire department and the Crawford fire department we wish to extend thanks to the Ord delegation for the great assistance rendered by the Ord band, which played whenever asked, without a murmur. We feel that the Ord boys had a great deal to do with